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1. The town of Kursk had a population of approximately 250,000, most of whom were Russians. It was divided into the following rayony:
 - a. Kirovskiy rayon
 - b. Leninskiy rayon
 - c. Promyshlennyy rayon (Industrial rayon), the southern part of town. This rayon was established by the merger of the Stalinskii and Dzerzhinskii rayony.
2. The following information concerns the industrial enterprises in Kursk:
 - a. A plant for the manufacture of batteries, known since 1955 as Akkumulator Zavod (its previous designation was Plant No. 111), was located in the Promyshlennyy rayon. Its account at the Gosbank (state bank) was designated POB 14. Construction on the plant began in 1949-1950 and even before it was completed, production had started on batteries for GAZ-51 and ZIL-150 trucks. It was rumored that the plant also produced batteries for submarines. A permanent representation of the Ministry of Defense (composition unknown) took over the plant's best products for use by the military. Since the plant had very modern equipment, the number of workers was comparatively small (precise number unknown). A special railroad spur led from the factory to the Lgov \overline{N} 51-42, E 35-187 railroad line. The plant, enclosed by a high brick wall, was guarded by a paramilitary unit (Voennoizirovannaya Okhрана). Entrance to the plant compound was by permit, bearing the signature of the plant manager.
 - b. A rubber factory, which manufactured conveyor belts of various sizes, as well as other products (no details), was located in the vicinity of the Akkumulator Zavod. The factory grounds were enclosed by a red brick wall. The synthetic rubber required by the factory was supplied by other plants.

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- c. An electrical machinery factory which allegedly manufactured generators for use by industrial enterprises, was located at the southern end of ulitsa Lenina, near the Oktyabr Movie Theater. The plant occupied a four- or five-story building in a densely populated area in the center of town and had no room for expansion.
 - d. The Schetmash factory, which manufactured Felix adding machines (an antiquated model), was located at the northern end of ulitsa Lenina, near the medical institute. Until the end of 1957 the plant was located in a four-story building in the center of town, but a new site was selected in the Kirovskiy rayon (exact location unknown), to which the equipment was subsequently moved.
 - e. A top secret military plant known as Zavod No. 4 was located in the Kirovskiy rayon. (No details available.)
 - f. The cigarette factory consisted of a three-story building and an unspecified number of warehouses. The factory, using tobacco imported from China and Bulgaria, had a monthly output of about 50 carloads(?) of cigarettes.
 - g. In late 1957 and early 1958, preparations were being made for the construction of two plants on the Kursk race track. It was rumored that one was to be an aircraft plant and the other a radio factory. (No details available.)
 - h. Shortly after World War II, work was begun on the construction of a ball bearing factory. The work was repeatedly interrupted and it appeared that at one stage it was decided to establish a tractor factory instead. Although the plant was still incompleted, it had been producing spare parts for tractors since 1956. The factory area was enclosed by a red brick wall.
3. Since 1952 a biennial or triennial agricultural fair had been held in the town, designed to display the agricultural achievements of the Kursk Oblast. Industrial products of local plants were shown for the first time at the 1957 fair.
 4. Transportation Facilities
 - a. At the end of 1957 there were 70 trolleys in use in the town. Numbered from one to five, they ran on the following routes:
 - (1) No. 1-from the trolley depot (Trampark) via ulitsy Lenina and Dzerzhinskogo to the military cantonment.
 - (2) No. 2-from the railroad station, past the medical institute, via ulitsy Lenina and Dzerzhinskogo to the military cantonment.
 - (3) No. 3-from the railroad station via Litovskaya ulitsa to the Akkumulator Zavod.
 - (4) No. 4-from ulitsa Dobrolyubova via Litovskaya ulitsa to the Akkumulator Zavod
 - (5) No. 5-from the end of Verkhne Lugovaya ulitsa to the Akkumulator Zavod.
 - b. A railroad spur which ran to the center of town was scheduled to be dismantled in 1958.
 - c. The freight terminal near the passenger railroad station was used for comparatively light loads only, while heavy shipments and raw materials were handled at the Ryshkovo railroad station in the Promyshlenny rayon. The new fuel depot was located near the latter station; the old fuel depot was still in the center of town near the aforementioned railroad spur.

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- d. The wooden bridge across the Tuskor River, on the road leading from the center of town to the railroad station via ulitsa Voroshilova, had been replaced by a concrete bridge. The supports on which the old bridge had rested were left standing on the side, and steel piers were erected for the new bridge. The latter was 15 to 20 meters wide and 12 to 15 meters high, so that the level of ulitsa Voroshilova had to be raised in order to correspond to the height of the bridge. A trolley line crossed the bridge. Parallel to the new bridge, on the right-hand side coming from the center of town toward the railroad station, was an old wooden single-lane bridge, still in use.
5. The following public institutions were reported:
- a. A television center was under construction near the meat plant in Ryshkovo. In early 1958 a tall aerial was being erected at the center.
- b. In early 1958 a new thermal power station was under construction in the Ryshkovo district (exact location unknown). High-tension wires ran from the station into the town.
6. The following military objectives were reported:
- a. The Suvorov school for boys of pre-military age was located between ulitsy Voroshilova and Marata, near the Pioneers Park. The school offered training for boys who planned to enter officers schools.
- b. Military barracks, at which infantry and artillery units were stationed, were located at the end of ulitsa Dzerzhinskogo, near the race track.
- c. A military cantonment, apparently used by the Air Force, was situated at the end of town, in the direction of Orel.
7. Attached is a legend to a sketch map of Kursk

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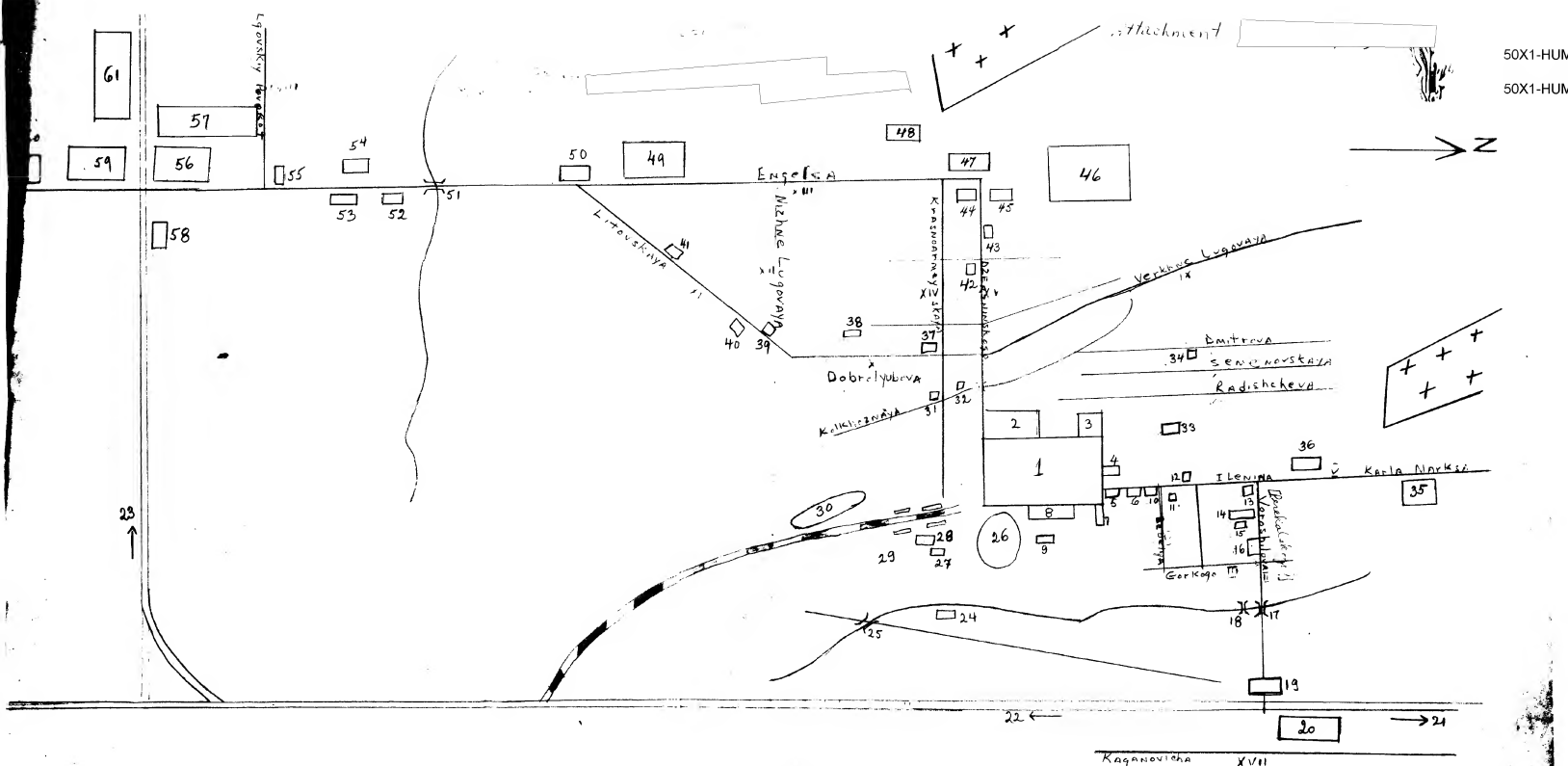
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Legend to Sketch Map of Kursk

1. Red Square (Krasnaya ploshchad).
2. Shesterka building, containing the Leningrad Restaurant.
3. Central post office.
4. Main hotel (Tsentrlnaya Gostinitza).
5. New City Party Committee building.
6. Oblast MVD and militia directorates.
7. Sovnarkhoz office.
8. Offices of the Oblast Party Committee.
9. Oblast military command.
10. Military hospital, a four-story building.
11. Municipal council (Gorsovet).
12. Schetmash computing machine factory [Lenina 90].
13. Medical institute [Karla Marksa 3].
14. Pioneers Park.
15. Suworov [Officer Cadet] School [ul. Skornyakova].
16. Contagious diseases hospital [probably Semyashko Hospital].
17. Concrete bridge across Tuskor River, with a ten-to twelve-meter clearance.
18. Wooden bridge across Tuskor River.
19. Kursk Railroad Station.
20. Freight station.
21. To Moscow.
22. To Kharkov.
23. To Lgov.
24. Old power station.
25. Wooden bridge, with a clearance of about two meters.
26. Park (Sadovaya Pervogo Maya).
27. Oktyabr Movie Theater, occupying a former church building.
28. Factory for electrical machinery.
29. Railroad freight stores.
30. Old fuel depot.
31. Youth aviation club.
32. Oblast branch offices of the Ministry of Agriculture [Kolkhoznaya 3].
33. Town radio center.
34. Town military command.
35. Military cantonment.
36. Trolley depot and workshops (Trampark).
37. Offices of the oblast KGB directorate, a three-story building.
38. Cigarette factory.
39. Agricultural machinery and spare parts factory.
40. Seregin leather plant.
41. Meat [packing] plant (Myasokombinat), an old enterprise.
42. Hospital and Dispensary No. 2.
43. Surgical clinic.
44. Military barracks.
45. Military barracks.
46. Race track.
47. Interurban bus station.
48. Filling station.
49. Truck depot of transport cooperative.
50. Tractor plant [Il5 Engels].
51. Bridge across Seym River.
52. Factory (name unknown).
53. Agricultural and industrial fair grounds.
54. Bus garage.
55. Militia station of Precinct No. 2.
56. Rubber goods factory.
57. Akkumulator Zavod.
58. Ryshkovo Railroad Station.
59. Meat plant (Myasokombinat).
60. Television center.
61. Freight station.

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